Scam in IOC, Panipat

†2484. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Bhartiya Tel Nigam Panipat Main Huea Ghaple Ki Jaanch Report Do varsh se Thande Baste Main" which appeared in the Rashtriya Sahara, New Delhi dated the 8th March, 2002;

(b) if so, the details of the action taken on the inquiry of Vigilance Department so far; and

(c) the action taken against the guilty persons so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (c) On receipt of Vigilance Investigation Report relating to award of contract for mechanical jobs of Hydro-cracker Unit/Hydrogen Unit at Panipat refinery, departmental enquiries have been instituted against eight officers of the refinery. The enquiries are being conducted by Commissioner for Departmental Inquiries of the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC). During April, 2001 the police has filed challan against M/s Gayatari Engineering and the Chief Project Manager in the Court of Judicial Magistrate First Class, Panipat. M/s Gayatari Engineering Company was put on holiday list during February, 2000 and all dues payable to them have been withheld by IOCL.

Functioning of OIDB

2485. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the role and purpose of Oil Industry Development Board (OIDB) in the oil industry;

(b) whether after APM dismantling the OIDB will continue to exist;

---

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.